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See 4-01, 4, The Last of the
Secret Agents

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Allen and Rossi, the comedy team, zapped thru town the other day to promote their movie, "The Last of the Secret Agents," which currently is playing at about 30 Neighborhood Theaters here. In this case, "The Last..." is a first. It's the team's first attempt at making a movie and they're very enthused about it, but tired. "This was a huge production, you know," Marty Allen (the one with the wild hair-do) said. "Making this movie took simply days. We spent a whole hour on one scene." Next time, things may go better; they hope to use a script, which will please the director no end.

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Actually, I happened to have seen this movie on a coast-to-coast flight which, unfortunately, provided no parachutes. But, seriously, it's pretty funny. It is equal to anything that was ever done, for real, by the CIA. Allen and Rossi play two American tourists in Europe who have gone broke (don't they all?) and are reduced to doing odd jobs. While moving pianos, one of which they drop from a third-story window, they are recruited by the GGI (which you probably think stands for "Government Group Insurance," but in this picture means "Good Government Investigations," or something.)

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The boys' mission is to thwart "THEM" a band of arch-fiends which plans to steal every great painting in Europe. The head of THEM is a girl named Baby May Zottig. Allen and Rossi are issued GGI's secret weapon, an umbrella. It's a gun, a radio, it flies and does about 20 other things, all impossible. The relentless pursuit of THEM is on, with Nancy Sinatra providing a love interest for Steve (he also sings) and a topless dancer cleverly eluding Marty thruout the picture. There is a nutty scene on the Orient Express train, when Zorba A-Go-Go, the mad Greek (and an agent of THEM) attempts to kill everybody. The whole thing is enough to make Maxwell Smart.

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A secretary to Rep. John Dow (D., N.Y.) brought in a letter to a constituent for him to sign. In part, the letter said, "The Office of the Attorney General informs me that they are advising your automobile of their interest in the case." • Rep. Dow instructed his secretary to insert the word "dealer" after "automobile." • "Otherwise," he said, "folks might accuse me of watching too many episodes of the TV show, 'My Mother, the Car.'"